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The Hidden Billionaire Chapter 21 Lin Fang's Deception

"Zhang Chao, spare me! I can help you pursue Lin Fang! I know you like her!"

Liu Hu who was dragged away by Lon refused to give up and continued struggling while flopping like a dead fish.

I obviously would not believe his nonsense. I looked down on this particular dumbass the most during my entire high school period.

"Zhang Chao, believe me. I helped Chen Yuzhou succeeded in pursuing Lin Fang before!"

"Wait."

Long stopped walking and waited for me to catch up quickly.

"What did you say? Lin Fang and Chen Yuzhou dated before?"

It seemed impossible. If they really dated before, why did Chen Yuzhou tried so hard to get into bed with Lin Fang?

"It's true and I helped him. Believe me, I am definitely able to help you pursue Lin Fang successfully."

"Bullshit. The attitude Lin Fang has towards Chen Yuzhou, does it even look like they are in a relationship?" I responded sternly.

"I swear to the heavens. What I said are all true. Chen Yuzhou spent over five hundred thousand on Lin Fang. If they are not in a relationship, will Chen Yuzhou spend so much money? The two of them have been together since a long time ago, but Lin Fang refused to let Chen Yuzhou touch her. If you spent over five hundred thousand and your girlfriend refused to let you touch her, won't you get mad?"

I could not stand hearing people defame Lin Fang and chided, "If what you said is true then Chen Yuzhou is just a rich fool. What does it have to do with you helping?"

"What I say are all true! With that woman, the best you could have is her body. Don't tell me you want her love? When Chen Yuzhou gave her money to spend, both of them came and went in pairs to have fun. We aren't blind and can tell that they are already a couple. After exploiting Chen Yuzhou to return her debts, she kicked him to the curb. Although she is very close to you now, she originally said that you are the most

disgusting person she has ever known. This was what she said last month. This woman is totally heartless, but if you want to sleep with her, I really can help you!”

I felt as if I was slapped and my mind turned white.

Lin Fang said that she had always felt guilty towards me and wanted to apologize to me all along. How did it become like this?

“From what I see, you fucking need urine to brush your teeth. Goodness knows which words of yours are the truth. Come along with me!” Lon noticed my amiss expression and did not want Liu Hu to continue.

“Let him go,” I said deeply.

Lon stared blankly for a bit. I repeated, “Let go!” Then, he heeded my words and let Liu Hu go.

What Liu Hu said about the past in high school did not pain me. But these few sentences did really cut me deep in the heart.

“Maybe they are all lies.” Xia Gehuai comforted me.

“I don’t believe his nonsense. I just suddenly thought that it would be letting him off easily with drinking urine. Xia, bring him back with you. The CCTV must definitely have captured the evidence footage of the fight. The police don’t dare to touch Black Dragon but that does not mean they won’t dare to touch a mere thug like Liu Hu.”

“Then I’m going to get a great merit this time!” Xia Gehuai laughed and took out a pair of handcuffs from his waist. He cuffed Liu Hu’s hands, “Walk. Behave yourself!”

“Zhang Chao, you don’t believe my words? I am telling you the truth!”

I did not respond and watched the back view of him being brought outside by Xia Gehuai with mixed feelings.

No matter how many lies Liu Hu said, one sentence was true. If Chen Yuzhou and Lin Fang did not have any relationship, why would a shrew man like Chen Yuzhou lend Lin Fang fifty hundred thousand?

Lin Fang, why must you lie to me?

I was preoccupied with my thoughts. When Lon spoke to me, my mind drifted away. Whatever he said went in one ear and out the other.

I only vaguely remembered Lon telling me that this incident was caused by Red Lantern. That person named Hong pretended to be alone and lured Black Dragon

people to Spring Garden. They only came because they thought Spring Garden did not have any backings. Red Lantern planned to outflank and wipe out Kim's people here. It was beyond their imagination that I would be here to disrupt their ploy.

Black Dragon and Red Lantern were Tong City's top two largest gangs. They were fighting ferociously over territories recently.

"We have offended Black Dragon this time, but due to Mr. Han's influence, Black Dragon and Red Lantern won't dare to mess with you. We Junran and the underworld have never interfered with each other. Young Master, if you run into things like this in the future, you must avoid it if you can. People from the underworld are mostly brainless maniacs, they don't think about the outcomes when they do things."

I slowly lowered my head that pounded painfully.

Lon saw that I was not in the right state of mind so he did not continue speaking and arranged for a car to send me home.

After I laid down on my bed at home, I received a call from Lin Fang. I stared at my phone screen dimwittedly for quite a while before I lifted my finger heavily and pressed the answer button.

"Zhang Chao, are you done with your matters? You didn't come back for a long time and I was getting a little worried about you."

I didn't know what I was supposed to feel anymore. What if what Liu Hu said turns out to be true? why would she lie to me?

She was not aware of my true identity and status so it could not be because of my wealth and identity.

Zhang Chao, Zhang Chao. You must not be deceived by other's words when you had been in the reconnaissance company for five years.

I felt that Liu Hu must be lying to me since he hated me yet he could not do anything to me, so he deliberately sowed discord between Lin Fang and me.

No matter how I thought about it, this was the most likely situation. Even though I still felt dissatisfied, I still decided to treat Liu Hu's words as nonsense.

"Wait for me at the hospital. I will be there right away."

I flipped my body and got up from the bed. Then I drove the most low-profile Land Rover to the hospital and dropped by the bank to withdraw fifty thousand on my way there. Those money was to be given to Lin Fang for the surgery fees.

In reality, I could have transferred the money to Lin Fang online but I still went to the bank to withdraw the fifty thousand in cash and wrapped them in an envelope. I wanted to see with my own eyes how Lin Fang would look when she saw the money, whether her expression would be filled with gratitude or secret glee.

I really liked her a lot, even if she did not like me but I did not want to be treated as a fallback guy for her to fool around with.

“Fang Fang. How can that Zhang Chao be compared to Chen Yuzhou? You need to wake up.”

When I arrived at the hospital and just reached the door of Lin Fang’s father’s ward, I immediately heard a familiar feminine voice from the room.

I glanced from the glass windows and saw a tall, skinny, and fashionable woman. It was Chu Xiaoxiao sitting on the sofa inside the ward. She was holding Lin Fang’s hands and persuading her agitatedly. Lin Fang’s father was asleep, her mother was not in the ward so no one heard what they said. They did not notice me standing at the door either.

Lin Fang said, “Xiaoxiao, stop it. There’s really nothing between me and Zhang Chao.”

I wanted to push the door in and enter but I heard Chu Xiaoxiao’s voice at this moment, “Please. Do you think I can’t tell? That Zhang Chao likes you.”

“How could I control whether he likes me or not.”

Chu Xiaoxiao exclaimed, “He has ulterior motives towards you! What happened to you and Chen Yuzhou? Weren’t the two of you fine a month ago? I was even happy for the two of you. Only one month has passed since then.”

My head buzzed, the stack of cash in my hands almost dropped on the floor.

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Lin Fang and Chen Yuzhou really dated before. Did Liu Hu actually tell the truth?

“I don’t want to bring up what happened between us anymore. Xiaoxiao, I have a lot of things to do now. Can you stop talking about this? My head hurts a lot.”

“Don’t change the topic. Does Zhang Chao have a handle over you and threatening you with it? That man is a total scumbag. I only argued a little with him at the KTV and he actually mobilized his connection to make Junran reject working with me.”

I slapped my head and recalled the phone call I had received today at the hospital from an unknown woman. It turned out to be Chu Xiaoxiao who called to denounce me!

She said it in such a light manner as if we only bickered at the KTV when Chen Yuzhou and her ganged up to humiliate me using every means possible. I could refrain from arguing with women but if she wanted to continue working with Junran, that would only happen in her dreams.

Chu Xiaoxiao became extremely exasperated when she brought up this matter. She grabbed Lin Fang's hands and asked, "Did he threaten you with something?"

Lin Fang was shocked, "How could it be? Zhang Chao is just a security guard. How could he command Junran's operations? It's just a coincidence that Junran refused to work with you."

Chu Xiaoxiao was upset, "Since the deal with Junran fell through, the investors refused to put in capital. I have such bad luck! Let's talk about you. You know that Zhang Chao is only a mere security guard, why are you so enamored by him?"

"I really am not. It's just that I cannot get along with Chen Yuzhou. You only see that Chen Yuzhou treats me well, but do you know how many women he has outside?" Lin Fang rebuked.

Chu Xiaoxiao followed up immediately, "Even if you are no longer with Chen Yuzhou, you cannot be with Zhang Chao. Have you forgotten? Zhang Chao is the most disgusting person to you. This is what you said. He saved you once during high school, but then he became self-entitled and wanted to send you home. He even grabbed your hands and caused you to be laughed at by female classmates for a whole year. Have you forgotten about this matter?"

My heart froze. What Liu Hu said were all true. Lin Fang had always looked down on me all along.

I let go of the door, turned around and wanted to leave but Lin Fang's hushed yell came out from the ward, "Enough, Xiaoxiao! Zhang Chao is my friend. If you continue talking like this then let us not meet again in the future. You are right, I looked down on Zhang Chao in the past. Even now I am still very regretful when I recall those matters. I did say before that Zhang Chao is the most disgusting person to me and those words of mockery about him. But I was wrong. It's not Zhang Chao's fault. Compared to me and Chen Yuzhou, Zhang Chao is truly a good man. You don't understand at all!"

Lin Fang became very agitated, "You think Chen Yuzhou is good to me? True, he lent money for my father's medical bills but he only wanted to sleep with me from the start! I am a woman with self-respect and I am not selling my body. I don't have to date whoever gives me money."

Chu Xiaoxiao panicked and explained, "That's not what I meant. Don't get angry. But you and Zhang Chao really don't suit each other....."

"Xiaoxiao, you are a rich girl. You don't know what I had been through these past few years. After my father fell sick, my younger brother became a good-for-nothing and borrowed money from everywhere. To get money for my dad's medical bills and to pay my younger brother's debts, I have seen a limitless amount of eye-rolling directed at me. My friends don't contact me anymore. Before you came back, I did not have any friends for a long period. You will never understand that kind of loneliness and helplessness. Those people who are good to me only had ulterior motives, like Chen Yuzhou."

"Zhang Chao also has ulterior motives towards you!"

"No. He, he only likes me, that's all." Lin Fang blushed and lowered her gaze to her shoes. Her eyes turned gentle, "He does not have ulterior motives towards me. He only wants to treat me well. Even though he knew everything about me, he didn't look down on me, instead he gave me a lot of help and he never asked for anything in return. Also, I have hurt him badly in the past but he is still willing to treat me well....."

When Lin Fang finished her speech, Chu Xiaoxiao was left speechless. Chu Xiaoxiao looked down on me but she could not refute everything Lin Fang had said.

Lin Fang had already treated me like a true friend unknowingly. No matter how hard Chu Xiaoxiao tried to convince her, she could not shake up my position in Lin Fang's heart.

"Fine, I really don't know what to do with you. The two of you can be friends but you definitely cannot be together with him. Don't tell me you like him."

Lin Fang's face was as red as a tomato, even her neck was red. She looked at Chu Xiaoxiao, "Y-y-you... What are you saying? We are only friends. Xiaoxiao, Zhang Chao is a very good person. Don't be upset with him anymore okay? If not, I will be in a very difficult position between the two of you."

"He just rubs me off the wrong way! He is simply a damned toad lusting after you. You are way out of his league!"

Chu Xiaoxiao lunged at Lin Fang on the sofa and started tickling her. Lin Fang was very ticklish and laughed until her face turned red and her clothes became crumpled. Both of them played around and curled into a ball. They only noticed me after a while when I entered.

Lin Fang laughed until she was out of breath. Her cheeks were red and hair messy but she gave off an indescribable captivating charm. I watched her and could not move my sight away. I looked at her chest that bobbed up and down when she was trying to catch

her breath. I saw her snowy white skin from the opening on her white t-shirt and immediately my mouth became dry uncontrollably.

Who said I did not have ulterior motives towards Lin Fang? I was not a good person either.

“Zhang Chao, you are here.” Lin Fang tidied her clothes busily and got up from the sofa with Chu Xiaoxiao.

I gave a smile to Lin Fang, neglecting Chu Xiaoxiao who stood beside and gave the fifty thousand to her, “I withdrew the money for you. Go and settle the medical fees as soon as possible.”

“Thank you, really. If not for you, I still don’t know what to do. Zhang Chao, I will definitely return the money to you.”

Fifty thousand was just spare change to me, I had no expectations that Lin Fang would pay me back anyways. However, to prevent my identity from being exposed, I could not act like I was very wealthy now.

“So long as uncle will recover, it will be worth it. You don’t have to worry about money. I still have some money, if it’s not enough, you can tell me.”

When I just finished my words, Chu Xiaoxiao snorted coldly, “If you have the sincerity then give her all your money in one go.”

“Xiaoxiao!” Lin Fang stopped her from continuing.

“Am I wrong? Fifty thousand is only for the surgery. When uncle finished his surgery, he would need money for recuperation. The various miscellaneous fees from the hospital also require money. If he is really sincere, he would give you all the money you need in one go so you don’t have to keep begging him for money.”

“Xiaoxiao, what did I tell you?” Lin Fang pulled Chu Xiaoxiao’s sleeve.

Chu Xiaoxiao said, “I know you are friends with Zhang Chao. I cannot refute that fact. But if Zhang Chao wants to pursue you then I have to make things clear. Zhang Chao, if you have no money then don’t think about pursuing our Lin Fang. Fangfang is so beautiful. She deserves men who are wealthier.”

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Lin Fang was afraid I would get angry and kept comforting me.

Frankly speaking, I am not afraid of Chu Xiaoxiao.

When we were at Night Wolves that day, I had already gotten a good grasp on this woman's character. It can be summarized in one word, "Stupid".

This woman is a prime example of a stupid person- all brawn but no brain. It was very obvious during that incident at Night Wolves when she was made use of by Chen Yuzhou. Using stupid to describe her was too kind, dumbass would be way more appropriate.

I took into account Lin Fang's feelings and let her say whatever she wanted without response. She could not hurt me with her words anyways.

Chu Xiaoxiao became even more energetic and scolded me indirectly, "There are a lot of toads nowadays lusting after swan's flesh. I won't let you get your way easily. Even if Fangfang agrees, how do you plan on providing her with a good life? It's not that I am looking down on you, but can't you find a woman that matches your status? You don't match up to our Fangfang."

"Enough already!" Lin Fang stood up sharply, her face darkened as she spoke to Chu Xiaoxiao, "Chu Xiaoxiao, do you have to do this over and over again? If you keep being rude to Zhang Chao, then just go back. My father still needs to rest. You are disturbing my father's rest with all that noises."

Chu Xiaoxiao pouted her lips and glared at me aggressively. I sat behind Lin Fang so Lin Fang could not see me. I was unperturbed and even flashed a middle finger towards Chu Xiaoxiao. Chu Xiaoxiao almost came up and hit me, but she saw that Lin Fang was truly angry and so she controlled herself.

"Xiaoxiao, stop quarreling. I am really very tired. I am going to hand in the fees now. The both of you, just stop fighting."

Chu Xiaoxiao made a sound of agreement unconvincingly. Knowing she could count on me, Lin Fang left reassured.

But once Lin Fang stepped out of the ward, I asked, "How big of a grudge do you have against me? Why do you hate me so much? Surely I didn't fuck with your mum."

Chu Xiaoxiao jumped up from the sofa and pointed at me. She probably did not expect that I would scold her all of a sudden.

I continued sitting down calmly and lifted my head to look at her. The calmer I was, the angrier Chu Xiaoxiao became.

“You really know how to act. But let me tell you, I will never allow Lin Fang to be with you. Lin Fang is too pure so she can’t tell what kind of person you are, but I see it all clearly.”

I stretched my back bored, “Be careful. See it too clearly and you might find yourself falling in love with me.”

“Hah, in your dreams.”

I have no idea how uncle slept. He did not wake up even with all these loud voices.

I fished out my handphone and sent a message to Manager Qu from Junran’s Marketing department while I asked Chu Xiaoxiao, “Honestly though, why do you hate me so much?”

Chu Xiaoxiao laughed dryly twice, “I hate looking at people like you. If you could just stay out of my sight, at least I won’t feel irritated. But you just have to stick around and pursue my best friend.”

“Oh yes. Manager Qu has a very vicious mouth, right? When he canceled the partnership with you, did he mock you?” I asked this out of blue so Chu Xiaoxiao froze for a bit, not knowing what I meant by that.

I laughed, “I am talking about Manager Qu, from Junran’s Marketing department. The partnership should be canceled by now. You cannot get any investment when the partnership fell through. Even though you are a wealthy second-generation, your father’s business hasn’t been going well for these past few years and has been running in the deficit yearly. By the look of it, your days of running amok might soon come to an end. Oh, and didn’t your family run out of money? Isn’t that why you have to return home, right?”

“Y-you... How did you know?!” Chu Xiaoxiao was panic-stricken and her pupils dilated.

There was no way I would tell her. To me, it was a piece of cake to find out this information since I was in the reconnaissance company for five years.

I said, “See, you hate me because I am poor. But currently you are not richer than me. Aren’t you of the same caliber as me now? So what right do you have to stop me from pursuing Lin Fang?”

“Junran only canceled the partnership temporarily, I will get it for sure!”

I felt very invigorated secretly when I saw her exasperated, red face and big, watery eyes. I laughed, “Wake up and stop dreaming. You will never clinch this partnership deal no matter what. I already said Junran won’t work with you, so they won’t.”

“Stop pretending. How would a security guard know so much about Junran? You delusional asshole sure likes to live in your fantasy world. I am sure you heard the information from somewhere and thought you can use it to make a fool out of me.”

I laughed while shaking my head and kept quiet. Chu Xiaoxiao thought she hit the mark and I had nothing to say in response.

She continued taunting me for a few seconds when her handphone suddenly rang. Chu Xiaoxiao wanted to go out to answer the call, but when she saw the caller display, she sat down again, “See, Manager Qu is calling me. It must be about the partnership.”

To rub it in my face, Chu Xiaoxiao swayed her phone in front of my eyes.

I played along by giving her a thumbs-up in an exaggerated manner and said, “Then you can just answer the phone here. Let me see how you managed to get the partnership back. Go on, prove me wrong.”

Chu Xiaoxiao said, “Fine by me.”

She was full of herself and strongly believed that this phone call was Manager Qu asking to work with her again. She pressed the answer button and placed it on speaker mode.

Manager Qu’s sharp, penetrating voice was heard from the phone, “Hello, is this Chu Xiaoxiao?!”

Chu Xiaoxiao froze. Manager Qu’s attitude was not polite and did not seem to have any intention of working together.

She covered the receiver and wanted to walk outside but I raised my eyebrows at her and asked with a laugh, “Weren’t you going to prove me wrong?”

Once she heard what I said, she decided to tough it out and continued standing at that spot without moving.

“Manager Qu, did you call me to negotiate about the partnership? If not, I am busy now. Let’s talk next time.”

This little brat spoke in a tone that was neither humble nor haughty but I knew that attitude of hers would not last for long. Manager Qu was going to give her a rude awakening soon.

Manager Qu snorted coldly and said, “Partnership? Of course. If you want to work with us, then first you must apologize to Mr. Zhang Chao who is beside you! You must do it like you really mean it! If you won’t apologize, then there’s no need to talk anymore!”

Chu Xiaoxiao's handphone almost slipped from her hand.

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“Y-y-y-you...”

“What about me?” I stood up and straightened my clothes, “You and I are really indeed of different caliber, but you are the one who doesn't match up.”

Manager Qu's phonecall was enough to teach Chu Xiaoxiao a lesson. I had roughly investigated her background before. These few years foreign trade businesses hadn't been doing so well, and Chu Xiaoxiao's father had suffered quite a lot of losses. The Chu family was unstable and their company was rumored to be bankrupting soon.

Chu Xiaoxiao went overseas after graduating from high school. She was supposed to learn art, but like all other wealthy second-generation, going overseas was not about studying but about eating and burning money.

When she was overseas, she pigged out daily and bought expensive cars and luxury goods. Universities overseas were generous about admission and strict with graduation, so she did not graduate despite spending five years there.

Last year, Chu Group were two billion in the red. Her father, Chu Huaien, suspected that he would not be able to fill the void and went everywhere to beg grandfather and grandmother to get funding. In the meantime, he also pulled back the young lady who had been squandering away his money overseas.

Chu Xiaoxiao studied abroad before, this was an advantage for her as Tong City was very small. Hence, Chu Huaien used Chu Xiaoxiao's name to set up an advertisement company to work with Junran's Marketing department.

Chu Huaien was an insightful man. What he had his eye on was not Junran's tiny amount of advertisement fee but Junran's prestige.

Currently, Chu Group was entangled in negative news and their share prices had a sharp drop. If the new advertisement company could enter a partnership with Junran, outsiders would think that Junran was endorsing Chu Group so they could preserve their share prices from dropping further. This would give Chu Huaien some breathing space too.

Chu Xiaoxiao was like rotten mud that could not support the wall (TN: Inept person), there was no way she was aware of these. She only knew that if Junran rejected the

partnership, the investors would pull out their investments, and her advertisement company could only rely on the tiny sum of launching capital her father gave to her. Given her haughty young lady's temperament, she would never lower her head and admit her fault because of this matter.

Sure enough, as expected, Chu Xiaoxiao angrily scolded, "You must be dreaming! No partnership then so be it. Do you think everyone wants to work with Junran?! Don't call me again!"

Bang, she hung up the phone and blacklisted Manager Qu's number while feeling aggrieved.

I don't know how you are related to Junran's Manager Qu, but me apologizing to you? Dream on!"

"I knew you won't apologize."

Chu Xiaoxiao's back was facing the door, and I faced the ward's door. So, she did not see Lin Fang who walked down the hallway into the ward but I did.

I walked near Chu Xiaoxiao and bent my back to whisper in her ears, "You are as dumb as I thought you would be. Don't use that kind of expression to look at me. Fangfang is at the door already."

"What are you all talking about? Not quarreling, I hope?" Lin Fang asked.

"We didn't, Chu Xiaoxiao already know it's her fault. She was superficial in the past and won't do it again in the future. She even apologized to me just now. Am I right?" I grabbed the opportunity and answered first.

Chu Xiaoxiao's blood was boiling, but she could not show it, so she glared at me fiercely. Lin Fang could tell that we were not really getting along, but she was satisfied that we could at least maintain harmony on the surface.

"Okay, both of you must be tired today. Go back and rest. Zhang Chao, you still have work tomorrow." Lin Fang said.

"I will stay behind and accompany you. You will have a hard time managing things by yourself."

Lin Fang was still unaware of the fact that her beastly younger brother wanted to harm her. I could not possibly leave her side at such critical timing.

"Then I will stay behind too!" Chu Xiaoxiao was upset and said to me, "In the future, Whenever you two are together, I must be present too so he can't play dirty tricks to get you."

“Oh my, my good Xiaoxiao. You are really thinking too much. Zhang Chao is not that sort.”

“How would you know? He destroyed my partnership with Junran to get his revenge on me. This person is so evil, Fangfang, don't let him fool you!”

Astonished, Lin Fang turned around to ask me, “Did you do it?”

I shrugged innocently, “There's no way I have such power.”

Chu Xiaoxiao's eyes almost popped while glaring at me, “You still don't dare to admit? You made Manager Qu call me to tell me to apologize to you, or else the partnership would be canceled. Was it not you who did that?!”

I laughed uncontrollably, “What Manager Qu? If I know the manager from Junran, I would have asked Junran to give business to us. That way, I can even get fifty thousand as commission.”

Lin Fang who initially believed Chu Xiaoxiao a little changed her mind after hearing my speech and nodded in agreement.

Lin Fang said sternly, “Xiaoxiao, what you said was too out of the world. If Zhang Chao really knows Junran's manager, why would he come to our company to be a security guard?”

“Great, you don't believe me? I have proof! Manager Qu called me earlier, I will show you the call log. Manager Qu had canceled the partnership long ago and only called me just now for Zhang Chao. If not, how do you explain this call... Eh, where is my call log?”

Chu Xiaoxiao scrolled her call log repeatedly, her finger slid up and down the phone screen but she could not find the call log. But that call was real, it was not a dream. Why was the call log missing?!

Chu Xiaoxiao was so anxious that her forehead was full of sweat. It suddenly occurred to her that she had personally blacklisted Manager Qu's phone call so all of the call logs were deleted at that instant.

Now, no matter how she tried to explain, Lin Fang definitely would not believe her again.

I smiled and said to Lin Fang, “Forget it. Chu Xiaoxiao does not like me, no biggie. She will find out what kind of person I am in the future.”

Chu Xiaoxiao bit on her cheeks strongly. Her small face alternated between looks of on the verge of crying and looks of wanting to laugh. It was quite comical.

Chu Xiaoxiao drew a deep breath and to my surprise, she put her handphone away and hugged Lin Fang's arm, acting like a spoiled child.

"Okay, okay. I was just joking with you all. Don't get angry."

Lin Fang said, "Xiaoxiao, don't be like this in the future, really. Zhang Chao is an important friend of mine and so are you. Can't the two of you get along well? I know you are doing this for my sake but seriously, don't be like this anymore. Or else, we won't be friends anymore."

Chu Xiaoxiao was being scolded by Lin Fang like a child. Although she did not lie, she could only lower her head and reluctantly admit it now. It was obvious that she held her friendship with Lin Fang in high regard. For Lin Fang's sake, she actually suppressed her anger after being framed by me. This was totally unexpected.

At night, Lin Fang's mother and Lin Kang came to switch with Lin Fang. When they arrived, the three of us were already starving.

Lin Fang decided to invite us to have dinner. Since Chu Xiaoxiao and I had only just returned to Tong City, we did not know where to find good food, and so Lin Fang arranged everything.

Lin Fang brought us to a hotpot restaurant and got us to sit down while she went to get the ingredients. Chu Xiaoxiao and I wanted to follow her but she said, "Both of you just sit, let me show my appreciation to you two."

Lin Fang pressed our shoulders down forcefully to make us sit down after finishing her words. Then, she went to get the ingredients.

"Fangfang is wasting her times here again trying to talk me into making peace with you, hah." Chu Xiaoxiao rolled her eyes and said, "But it's useless. I will definitely expose your true colors in front of her. You lying bastard. I know you want to make me leave by angering me and then steal Fangfang. That's not going to happen! You deliberately make Manager Qu say those things, right? You want to infuriate me into blacklisting Manager Qu. I never thought you would be so manipulative."

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I burst into laughter, "No matter how manipulative I am, it would only succeed if you cooperate."

Chu Xiaoxiao pointed at me with her chopsticks, "If I let you get together with Lin Fang successfully, I will write my surname upside down."

The feud between Chu Xiaoxiao and I had been thus established. When we were eating hotpot, her pair of eyes pierced through the rising smoke and fixated her sight on me. It was as though she wanted to burn a few holes on my body.

However, I enjoyed my meal thoroughly. The more she hated me, the happier I was.

Throughout my whole life, it had always been me hating them. Now, the shoe was on the other foot, and it was their turn to experience what I had gone through.

Lin Fang pretended she did not see anything and chatted with Chu Xiaoxiao about interesting things that happened in high school. Chu Xiaoxiao was forgetful. After chatting for a while, she clearly forgot about me and started laughing during her conversations with Lin Fang.

Lin Fang lifted her head and glanced at me while Chu Xiaoxiao's attention was diverted. She happened to catch me stealing glances at her. I wanted to turn my gaze away but it was too late. She caught me red-handed.

But Lin Fang smiled at me while blinking her eyes. I turned wooden immediately because her smile was too beautiful.

Lin Fang acted as if nothing happened and continued conversing with Chu Xiaoxiao. I decided that since Lin Fang already caught me stealing glances at her anyways, I focused my attention on staring at Lin Fang while propping my chin. The meal tasted dull and my heart kept beating erratically. Occasionally, Lin Fang would turn back and when she met my eyes, she would smile at me. I was simply over the moon.

In the end, Chu Xiaoxiao also noticed me and grabbed a few used tissue papers to throw at my face, "What are you looking at? Shameless!"

"Xiaoxiao!"

Lin Fang wanted to rebuke her but I said, "Forget about it. Don't get angry, Lin Fang. This is a small matter. I will go and pay the bill."

"We agreed that it will be my treat today, how can I let you pay." Lin Fang stood up at the same time.

"Nonsense. We are friends and that's what friends do. Besides, if I don't leave the table for a bit, Chu Xiaoxiao is going to carry the hotpot to splash at me. Haha, just sit first."

Lin Fang smiled awkwardly and took two steps forward to hold my lower arm. She said in a hushed whisper so Chu Xiaoxiao could not hear, "Sorry, I..."

“It’s no big deal. For your sake, I won’t take what she said to heart.”

“Well, I feel so bad about putting you through this....” Lin Fang was full of guilt.

I did not know what else to say. I felt like the more I said, the more I sounded like a bloody jerk. I just did not expect that Chu Xiaoxiao would be so dumb.

When I was at the cashier and prepared to pay the bill, someone pushed me over fiercely. My head would have hit the wall if hadn’t been paying attention.

Chu Xiaoxiao was full of anger as she stood behind me, “Zhang Chao, you are a bloody jerk!”

I pretended that I did not see her and collected the change. I decided to ignore her and walk past back to the table. Chu Xiaoxiao blocked my way and placed her hands on hips. She refused to let me go, “This attitude of yours, if you are a woman, you would be called a slut! Aren’t you very mighty in front of me? Why do you act so innocent in front of Lin Fang?! If you don’t make it clear today, don’t think of going anywhere.”

I walked to the left and she followed suit. I stepped to the right and she blocked my way. Both of us were like playing cops and robbers, and passers-by could not help but point at us.

I was not afraid that people would mock at us but if things got out of hand, and my aunt came to know, it would ruin things.

I saw that there were people who already took out their phone to take a video of us so I grew vexed and said lowly, “What the hell do you want?”

“I want you to clarify with Lin Fang that you were behind those things. What a despicable bastard you are!”

“Despicable?” I laughed coldly, “What is not despicable then? Letting you continue to bully me without retaliating? Allowing you to walk all over me yet not hating you? Chu Xiaoxiao, why do I have to act nobly towards you? You don’t understand me at all yet you slandered me in front of Lin Fang. Don’t tell me you want me to hang a banner to express my thanks to you? Don’t be so full of yourself.”

Chu Xiaoxiao smiled strangely and suddenly took out her handphone to sway in front of me, “I have recorded it down.”

I shook my head, “I thought you would be smarter, but you still turned out to be so dumb.”

“I will let Fangfang listen to this and tear down this facade of yours!”

Her words just finished and the service staff at the entrance echoed words of welcome. A man dressed in suit pushed the door open and came in.

This man was very tall and looked very noble, but his forehead was a little wrinkled with worry. His appearance resembled Chu Xiaoxiao a lot so it was obvious who he was.

Sure enough, Chu Xiaoxiao greeted her father with shock. Chu Huaien strode forward towards her.

“Dad, why are you here?”

Chu Huaien walked quickly and looked at me first. He asked Chu Xiaoxiao with a deep voice, “Your friend?”

Chu Xiaoxiao gruffly replied, “Who would be friends with him?”

Smack! Chu Huaien slapped her as soon as she finished her words. Even I was startled, much less Chu Xiaoxiao.

We were standing at the restaurant’s cashier which was near the entrance. There were a lot of people walking by and they all stopped to watch the incident unfold.

Chu Xiaoxiao’s pretty face immediately swelled up. She held her cheek and her face turned red with indignant. She stared at Chu Huaien with shock.

But when Chu Xiaoxiao saw Chu Huaien’s towering rage, she swallowed her words, “Dad... what is this about?”

“What is this about? Why did I, Chu Huaien, have such a useless daughter like you! Come with me, go home with me now!”

Chu Xiaoxiao had been coddled since young and had a princess syndrome. Chu Huaien probably did not even get upset with her before. There was no way she had ever experienced this kind of treatment.

Never mind about being slapped. To her, the fact that it happened in front of so many people, and most importantly, in front of my eyes was simply too great a humiliation to process.

I could not be bothered about what happened to Chu Xiaoxiao, but Lin Fang saw that she came out with me. If I went back alone, I did not know how to explain what had happened.

I grasped Chu Huaien’s arm, “Uncle Chu, if there’s anything, you should talk it out. Don’t get angry. The few of us are friends and came out to play together. We are still waiting for Xiaoxiao to return. Don’t embarrass her in front of her friends.”

Chu Huaien was skeptical, “She said you aren’t her friend.”

This was all Chu Xiaoxiao the dumbass’s fault, she lifted a stone only to smash her own feet.

Despite how Chu Xiaoxiao despised me, she really did not dare to return with her father who was fuming badly. She could only hide behind my back with her reddening eyes.

Chu Huaien pointed at Chu Xiaoxiao, “Look at you! How did you treat your friend, and how did your friend treat you?! I have discovered that after you went abroad, you have become a greater daredevil! You even dare to offend people from Junran now! I have almost finished negotiating the deal between your advertisement company and Junran. But now, they suddenly canceled and completely shut us out no matter what I said. I asked people to investigate and they told me to go back to ask my precious rich daughter about what she has done!”

Fuming with rage, Chu Huaien totally forgot where he was and was oblivious to the fact that the surrounding crowd was taking photos.

I knew that Chu Huaien would get mad about the cancellation of the partnership, but I honestly did not expect that the news would spread so fast. Chu Xiaoxiao’s face was swollen and her eyes turned watery. She hated that her father was acting illogical and at the same time, she was shocked at the power I seemed able to wield.

Chu Huaien pointed at Chu Xiaoxiao and scolded her with a low voice, “I won’t say much since there are so many people here today! But if you cannot clinch this deal with Junran, you will get out of my house! I, Chu Huaien, don’t have such a useless daughter like you.”

After finishing, Chu Huaien glared at Chu Xiaoxiao again before he turned around to leave the restaurant.